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SUBJ: GUATEMALAN ARMY PROMOTIONS

1. PRESIDENT LAUGERUD JUNE 9 NOMINATED HIS MINISTER OF DEFENSE, BRIGADIER GENERAL OTTO GUILLERMO SPIEGELER NORIEGA, FOR PROMOTION TO MAJOR GENERAL, THE FIRST TIME THAT RANK HAS BEEN AWARDED SINCE PRESIDENT UBICO WAS OVERTHROWN IN 1944. WHILE SPIEGELER'S PROMOTION WAS A SURPRISE, LAUGERUD'S NOMINATIONS OF COLONELS GUILLERMO ECHEVERRIA VIELMAN AND HERNAN MORALES PAIZ FOR PROMOTION TO BRIGADIER GENERAL WERE EXPECTED. MORALES IS COMMANDING OFFICER OF THE MARISCAL ZAVALA BRIGADE, A POST TRADITIONALLY HELD BY A BRIGADIER GENERAL, AND ECHEVERRIA HAD RECENTLY BEEN NAMED DIRECTOR OF THE NATIONAL RECONSTRUCTION COMMITTEE, WHOSE PREVIOUS HEAD WAS BRIGADIER GENERAL RICARDO PERALTA MENDEZ.

2. THE NOMINATIONS ARE EXPECTED TO BE ROUTINELY APPROVED BY CONGRESS IN TIME FOR THE NEW STARS TO BE AWARDED ON ARMY DAY, JUNE 30.

3. COMMENT: ONE REASON FOR SPIEGELER'S PROMOTION MAY BE THE LEGAL LIMIT ON THE NUMBER OF BRIGADIER GENERALS ON ACTIVE DUTY. THERE WAS ONLY ONE VACANCY WITHIN THE LIMIT, AND IN ORDER TO PROMOTE BOTH ECHEVERRIA AND
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MORALES IT WAS NECESSARY TO MOVE SPIEGELER UP.
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